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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Tuesday, 24 June 1997*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Nineteenth special session*

10 a.m. 3rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21: debate [8]:

His Excellency Mr. Leonid D. Kuchma, President of Ukraine.

His Excellency Sir Ketumile Masire, President of the Republic of Botswana.

His Excellency Mr. Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, President of the Republic of Maldives.

His Serene Highness Prince Albert, Crown Prince of the Principality of Monaco.

His Excellency The Rt. Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada.

His Excellency Mr. Jules Albert Wijdenbosch, President of the Republic of Suriname.

His Excellency Mr. Vytautas Pakalniškis, Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania.

His Excellency Mr. Janez Drnovsek, Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia.

His Excellency Mr. David Oddsson, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iceland.

His Excellency Mr. José María Figueres, President of the Republic of Costa Rica.

His Excellency Mr. Ricardo Alarcón de Quesada, President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Cuba.

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Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-first session appear in PART II (English/French) of the present issue of the Journal (No. 1997/120 (PART II)).

His Excellency Mr. Alvaro Arzú Irigoyen, President of the Republic of Guatemala.

His Excellency Mr. Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada, President of the Republic of Bolivia.

His Excellency Dr. Bernardo Ferraz, Minister for the Environment of Mozambique.

His Excellency The Honourable Simon Upton, Minister for the Environment, Associate Minister for Foreign Affairs of New Zealand.

His Excellency The Honourable Easton Douglas, MP, Minister of the Environment and Housing of Jamaica.

His Excellency Mr. Ohn Gyaw, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar.

His Excellency Mr. Ivan Antonovich, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belarus.

His Excellency Mr. Theodoros Koliopanos, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Environment, Planning and Public Works of Greece.

Her Excellency Mrs. Ruth Dreifuss, Federal Chancellor of the Swiss Confederation.

His Excellency Mr. Jacques Santer, President of the European Community, speaking on behalf of the European Community.

Ms. Joji Carino of Survival International, speaking on behalf of the Indigenous Peoples' Major Group.

Dr. Hans Blix, Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

3 p.m. 4th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21: debate [8]:

His Excellency Dr. Paulin Obame Nguema, Prime Minister of the Gabonese Republic.

His Excellency Mr. Adrien Houngbedji, Prime Minister of the Republic of Benin.

His Excellency Dr. Henrique Borgo-Bustamante, Vice-President of the Republic of El Salvador.

His Excellency Mr. Samuel Hinds, President of the Republic of Guyana.

His Excellency Dr. Carlos Lemos-Simmonds, Vice-President of the Republic of Colombia.

His Excellency Mr. Goh Chok Tong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore.

His Excellency Mr. Mart Siimann, Prime Minister of the Republic of Estonia.

His Excellency Dr. Cuthbert Sebastian, Governor-General of Saint Kitts and Nevis.

His Excellency The Honourable Gert Hanekom, Minister of the Environment and Tourism of Namibia.

His Excellency Mr. John Afful, Minister of the Environment, Science and Technology of Ghana.

His Excellency Mr. Albert Kakou Tiapani, Minister of the Environment of Côte d'Ivoire.

His Excellency Mr. Saifuddin Soz, Minister of the Environment and Forests of India.

His Excellency Mr. Jozef Zlocha, Minister of the Environment of Slovakia.

His Excellency Mr. Stanislaw Zelichowski, Minister of Environmental Protection, Natural Resources and Forestry of Poland.

His Excellency Mr. Samak Sundaravej, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand.

His Excellency Mr. Johny Lahure, Minister of the Environment of Luxembourg.

His Excellency Mr. Vartan Oskanian, First Deputy Foreign Minister of Armenia.

His Excellency Mr. Roble Olhaye, Chairman of the Delegation of Djibouti.

His Excellency Mr. Huseyin Çelem, Chairman of the Delegation of Turkey.

His Excellency Dr. Nasser Al-Kidwa, Chairman of the Observer Delegation of Palestine.

Ms. Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme.

Mr. Thilo Bode, Executive Director of Greenpeace International, speaking on behalf of the Non-Governmental Organizations' Major Group.

## Committees

### AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF THE NINETEENTH SPECIAL SESSION

10.30 a.m.-
1 p.m. — 2nd meeting — Conference Room 3

Overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21 [8]: general discussion

*Informal consultations*

11 a.m.-
1 p.m. — Conference Room 5

7 p.m.-
10 p.m. — Conference Room 5

Cross-sectoral issues in the draft proposed outcome

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. — Conference Room 3

Draft political statement

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

*Wednesday, 25 June 1997*

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Nineteenth special session*

10 a.m. 5th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21: debate [8]:

His Excellency Mr. Imata Kabua, President of the Republic of Marshall Islands.

His Excellency Mr. Rafael Martínez-Monro, Minister of the Environment of Venezuela.

His Excellency Mr. Herizo Razafimahaleo, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Madagascar.

His Excellency Mr. Mamane Brah, Minister of Water Resources and the Environment of Niger.

His Excellency Dr. Ali Akbar Velayati, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

His Excellency Mr. Martin Bartenstein, Federal Minister of the Environment, Youth and Family Affairs of Austria.

His Excellency Mr. Sarwono Kusumaatmadja, Minister of State for the Environment of Indonesia.

His Excellency Mr. P. Mosisili, Deputy Prime Minister of Lesotho.

His Excellency The Honourable George W. Vella, MD, MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Environment of Malta.

His Excellency The Honourable Frank H. Watson, MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security of the Bahamas.

His Excellency Mr. Pekka Haavisto, Minister of the Environment and Development Cooperation of Finland.

His Excellency Mr. Costas Petrides, Minister of Agriculture, Natural Resources and the Environment of Cyprus.

His Excellency The Honourable Vilisoni Cagimaivei, Minister of Urban Development, Housing and the Environment of Fiji.

His Excellency Mr. Tawfiq Kreishan, Minister for Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment of Jordan.

His Excellency The Honourable George W. Odlum, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Saint Lucia.

His Excellency The Honourable Rodney Williams, Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Environment of Antigua and Barbuda.

His Excellency Mr. Soubanh Srithirath, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

His Excellency Mr. David Peleg, Chairman of the Delegation of Israel.

Her Excellency Mrs. Annette des Iles, Chairman of the Delegation of Trinidad and Tobago.

Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Mr. Federico Mayor, Director-General of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Mr. Eugenio Clariond Reyes of the International Chamber of Commerce, speaking on behalf of the Business and Industry Major Group.

Mr. James D. Wolfhensohn, President of the World Bank.

3 p.m. 6th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21: debate [8]:

His Excellency Dr. Árpád Göncz, President of the Republic of Hungary.

His Excellency The Rt. Honourable Justin Malewezi, Vice-President of the Republic of Malawi.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Sidi Mohammed, Crown Prince of the Kingdom of Morocco.

His Excellency Mr. Albert Shabangu, Minister of Economic Planning and Development of Swaziland.

His Excellency The Honourable David Sitai, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Solomon Islands.

His Excellency Mr. Pham Gia Khiem, Minister of Science and the Environment of Viet Nam.

His Excellency Mr. Nandimitra Ekanayake, Minister of Forestry and the Environment of Sri Lanka.

His Excellency Mr. Juan Villarzu, Minister Secretary-General of the Presidency of Chile.

His Excellency Sheikh Amer bin Shuwain Al-Hosni, Minister of Regional Municipalities and the Environment of Oman.

His Excellency Mr. Salif Diallo, Minister of the Environment and Minister of State of Burkina Faso.

His Excellency Mr. Fritz Longchamp, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worships of Haiti.

His Excellency Mr. Adyasuren Tsohio, Minister of the Environment of Mongolia.

His Excellency Mr. Abdulkader Bagamal, Minister of Planning and Development of Yemen.

His Excellency Mr. Valeriu Bulgari, First Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova.

His Excellency Dr. Duri Mohammed, Chairman of the Delegation of Ethiopia.

His Excellency Mr. Philip Dimitrov, Chairman of the Delegation of Bulgaria.

His Excellency Mr. Arnulfo Fretes Escario, Vice-Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment of Paraguay.

His Excellency Mr. Jugdish Rujoobar, Permanent Secretary, Minister of Environment and Quality of Life of Mauritius.

His Excellency Dr. Ahmed Esmat Abdel Meguid, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States.

Dr. Nafis Sadik, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund.

Ms. Wangari Maathai of the Women's Environment and Development Organization, speaking on behalf of the Women's Major Group.

**Committees**

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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| 3 p.m. | 1st meeting | Conference Room 7 |

# SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Monday, 23 June 1997*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Nineteenth special session

1st plenary meeting

*Opening of the session by the Temporary President, the Chairman of the delegation of Malaysia* [1]

The Temporary President, H. E. Mr. V. Danabalan, Secretary-General of the Ministry of the Environment of Malaysia, declared open the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21.

*Minute of silent prayer or meditation* [2]

The Temporary President then invited members of the General Assembly to observe one minute of silent prayer or meditation.

*Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/S-19/20)*

The Temporary President drew the attention of the General Assembly to a letter addressed to him by the Secretary General (A/S-19/20) concerning the arrears of 17 Member States in the payment of their financial contribution to the United Nations.

*Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee* [3 (a)]

On the proposal of the Temporary President, the General Assembly decided that the Credentials Committee for the nineteenth special session would consist of the same members as those appointed for the fifty-first regular session of the Assembly, namely China, the Dominican Republic, Gabon, the Netherlands, Paraguay, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Sierra Leone and the United States of America.

The Temporary President called attention to the fact that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the special session, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and urged all members to submit the credentials of representatives to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

*Election of the President of the General Assembly* [4]

On the proposal of the Temporary President, the General Assembly decided to elect thePresident of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly, H. E. Mr. Razali Ismail, as President of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly.

The President made a statement.

*Statement by the Secretary-General*

The Secretary-General made a statement.

*Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development: report of the Commission onSustainable Development on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21 (A/S-19/14)* [5]

The Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, H. E. Mr. Mostafa Tolba (Egypt), made a statement.

*Organization of the session (A/S-19/2)* [6]

On the proposal of the President, the General Assembly decided that the Chairmen of the Main Committees of the fifty-first regular session would serve in the same capacity at the nineteenth special session.

On the basis of the decision by the Assembly, the President informed members that the following Chairmen of the Main Committees of the fifty-first regular session were present at the nineteenth special session and would serve in the same capacity: the Chairman of the First Committee, H. E. Mr. Alyaksandr Sychou (Belarus); the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), H. E. Mr. Alounkeo Kittikhoun (Lao People's Democratic Republic); the Chairman of the Second Committee, Mr. Arjan Hamburger (Netherlands); the Chairman of the Third Committee, Mrs. Patricia Espinosa (Mexico); the Chairman of the Sixth Committee, H. E. Mr. Ramon Escover-Salom (Venezuela).

The President informed the Assembly that in the absence of the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, Mr. Syed Rafiqul Alom (Bangladesh), Vice-Chairman of the Fifth Committee,would be Acting Chairman of the Committee for the duration of the nineteenth special session.

On the proposal of the President, the Assembly decided that the Vice-Presidents of the fifty-first regular session would serve in the same capacity at the nineteenth special session.

On the basis of the decision taken by the Assembly, the President informed members that the Vice-Presidents of the nineteenth special session were the representatives of the following Member States: Andorra, Angola, Bahamas, Burundi, China, Cyprus, France, Ghana, Honduras, Latvia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Niger, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sudan, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

On the proposal of the President, the Assembly decided to establish an Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Nineteenth Special Session.

On the proposal of the President, the Assembly elected H.E. Mr. Mostafa Tolba (Egypt) as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Nineteenth Special Session.

On the proposal of the President, the Assembly decided that the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole would be a member of the General Committee of the nineteenth special session.

The General Committee of the nineteenth special session was thus fully constituted.

The President informed the Assembly that, pursuant to Assembly resolution 51/181 of 16 December 1996, States members of specialized agencies, which were not members of the United Nations, namely the Cook Islands, the Holy See, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Switzerland, Tonga and Tuvalu, had been invited to participate as observers in the debate in plenary meeting.

On the proposal of the President, the Assembly decided that intergovernmental and others organizations and entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the work of the Assembly would be invited to participate in the debate in plenary meeting.

On the proposal of the President, the Assembly decided that the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole would also hear statements by the observers.

On the proposal of the President, the Assembly decided that representatives of United Nations programmes and specialized agencies would be invited to participate in the debate in plenary meeting, provided they were at the highest level.

On the proposal of the President, the Assembly decided that the Ad Committee of theWhole would also hear statements by representatives of United Nations programmes and specialized agencies.

The President informed the Assembly that, in accordance with Assembly decision 51/467of 18 April 1997, and without setting a precedent for other special sessions of the Assembly, he had extended invitations to representatives of major groups, as identified in Agenda 21 and represented by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and on the roster, to participate in the debate in plenary meeting.

The President recalled that, in accordance with decision 51/467, representatives of such major groups who could not be accommodated in the debate in plenary meeting may be invited to address the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole.

Following consultations with the regional groups, on the proposal of the President, the Assembly decided that, without setting a precedent for other special sessions of the Assembly, it would hear a statement by the Inter-Parliamentary Union in the debate in plenary meeting.

The President reminded members that, owing to time constraints, the list of speakers in the debate in plenary meeting had been established on the understanding that the length of statements would not exceed 7 minutes.

*Adoption of the agenda (A/S-19/1)* [7]

The General Assembly decided to consider the provisional agenda of the nineteenth special session without referring it to the General Committee.

The Assembly then adopted the agenda as contained in document A/S-19/1.

On the proposal of the President, the Assembly decided to allocate agenda item 8 (Overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21) to the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole for consideration, on the understanding that the debate on the item would take place in plenary meeting.

On the basis of the decision taken by the Assembly, the list of documents before the Assembly for its consideration contained in document A/S-19/19 was referred to the Ad HocCommittee of the Whole for its consideration.

The General Assembly decided to consider agenda item 9 directly in plenary meeting.

*Overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21* [8]

The Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Fernando Henrique Cardoso, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, H.E. Comrade Robert Gabriel Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, H.E. Mr. Ryutaro Hashimoto, Prime Minister of Japan, H.E. Mr. Benjamin William Mkapa, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Mr. Wim Kok, Prime Minister and Minister for General Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), H.E. Mr. Jose Maria Aznar, President of the Government of the Kingdom of Spain, H.E. the Rt. Honourable Tony Blair, M.P., Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, H.E. Dr. Helmut Kohl, Federal Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, H.E. Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic, H.E. Mr. Ricardo Marquez, Vice-President of the Republic of Peru, H.E. Mr. Nursultan A. Nazarbaev, President of the Republic of Kazakstan, H.E. Mr. Romano Prodi, Prime Minister of the Italian Republic and H.E. Dr. Carlos Saul Menem, President of the Republic of Argentina.

2nd plenary meeting

*Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter)*

The General Assembly took note that Guinea-Bissau had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter and was informed that this information would be reflected in the final version of document A/S-19/20.

*Overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21* [8]

The Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Victor S. Chernomyrdin, Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres, Prime Minister of the Portuguese Republic, H.E. Mr. Victor Ciorbea, PrimeMinister of Romania, H.E. Mr. Thabo Mbeki, Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa, H.E. Mr.Thorbjorn Jagland, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Norway, H.E. Mr. Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Denmark, H.E. Mr. John Bruton, Prime Minister of Ireland, H.E. Mr. Kim Young Sam, President of the Republic of Korea, H.E. Mr. Jean-Luc Dehaene, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Belgium, H.E. Dr. Arnoldo Aleman Lacayo, President of the Rebublic of Nicaragua, H.E. Mr. Jacob Nena, President of the Federal States of Micronesia, H.E. Mr. Ishembay Abdurazakov, Vice-President of the Kyrgyz Republic, H.E. Ms. Julia Carabias, Minister of the Environment, Natural Resources and Fisheries of Mexico, H.E. Mr. Mohamed Mehdi Mlika, Minister of the Environment and Land Manage- ment of Tunisia, H.E. Dr. Cielito Habito, Secretary for Socio-Economic Planning of the Philippines, H.E. Mr. Pierre Schori, Minister of International Development Cooperation of Sweden, H.E. Senator The Hon. Robert Hill, Leader of the Government in the Senate and Minister for the Environment of Australia, H.E. Mr. Luciano Ciavatta, Minister for Territory, the Environment and Agriculture of San Marino, H.E. Dr. Song Jian, State Counsellor of China, H.E. Dr. Juan Gabito-Zoboli, Vice-Minister of the Environment of Uruguay, H.E. Mr. Utula Samana, CMG, Chairman of the Delegation of Papua New Guinea and Mr. Abdelkader Mesdoua, Chairman of the Delegation of Algeria.

## Committees

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF
THE WHOLE OF
THE NINETEENTH SPECIAL SESSION — 1st meeting

*Opening of the meeting*

The meeting was opened by the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, Mr. Mostafa Tolba (Egypt).

*Election of officers*

The Ad Hoc Committee elected by acclamation Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Mr. John Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda), Ms. Idunn Eidheim (Norway) and Mr. Czeslaw Wieckowski (Poland) as Vice-Chairmen. The Ad Hoc Committee decided that Mr. Wieckowski would also serve as Rapporteur.

*Organization of work*

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, the Republic of Korea and Colombia.

*Overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21* [8]

The Ad Hoc Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the Chairperson of the High Level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development; the Minister of Environment and Tourism of Zimbabwe and Chairman of the Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; and the Executive Secretary of the Convention to Combat Desertification.

Statements were also made by the Deputy Director-General of the International Labour Organisation; the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe (on behalf of the regional commissions); the Director of United Nations Affairs and External Relations of the United Nations Children's Fund; the representative of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women; the Assistant Director, Fiscal Affairs Division, of the International Monetary Fund; and the Deputy Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

The Head, Environment and Sustainable Development Division, of the African Development Bank, and the Assistant Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference also made statements.

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